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Please look over the language below and provide any comments – it is part of a draft response to question posed by Ben Miller. Thanks.

QUESTION (8) - What progress has been made on securing increased environmental flows, in addition to the habitat restoration and “other stressor” work, as required by the 2009 state law?

RESPONSE: The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB, or Board) is a responsible agency under CEQA for the BDCP EIR. It has issued a report entitled “Final Report on Development of Flow Criteria for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecosystem.” The Board is now having hearings regarding necessary flows in the San Joaquin River. These hearings will be completed next year, and then the Board will move on to the Sacramento River and its tributaries. An alternative proposed by the SWRCB is being considered as part of the BDCP EIR/S process. The Environmental Protection Agency has requested comments on an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Water Quality Issues in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary and is proceeding with development of a plan to examine a wide variety of stressors in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Estuary System. The final draft of that plan should be issued soon. The plan could include examination of the need for additional environmental flows.